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## **Consumer Protection From Telemarketing Calls Has Arrived** ***Federal “do-not-call” list opens for registration on Friday***

**LANSING** — Consumers will have greater protection against telemarketer phone calls with the introduction of online registration for the national “do-not-call” list that opens on Friday, June 27, Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, said today.

“Residents and families in my district do not want to be interrupted when they are relaxing at home, especially by telemarketing phone calls,” Toy said. “By signing up for the registry, consumers now have a plan of action to stop these calls from invading their homes.”

Consumers may link to the Federal Trade Commission’s “do-not-call” registration site by visiting the Senate Republican website, located at [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/), starting tomorrow morning. Registration from consumer home telephones begins on July 7. Enrollment is free.

Consumer inquiries led the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do- Not-Call list in 2002. Toy added that lawmakers recognized that a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and required the adoption of a federal list when one was created.

Sen. Toy also cautioned consumers from being the targets of any scams targeting the federal “do-not-call” registry.

“Registration for the federal “do-not-call” list is available only through the Federal Trade Commission and is free,” Toy said. “Consumers should be on the lookout for any private companies attempting to collect personal information.”

For more information on how to register for the “do-not-call” list or how to avoid a “do-not-call” scam, please contact Sen. Toy’s office at (517) 373-1707.